

issues, after receiving testimony from Michael A. Vatis, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and James K. Robinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, both of the Department of Justice; Bruce J. Heiman, Americans for Computer Privacy, Jeff B. Richards, Internet Alliance, and James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Pethia, Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### NOMINATIONS

*C ttee the c y* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Daniel Marcus, of Maryland, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Bonnie J. Campbell, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Jay A. Garcia-Gregory, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Beverly B. Martin, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Laura Taylor Swain, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Marcus was introduced by Senator Sarbanes and Representative Morella, Ms. Campbell was introduced by Senators Grassley and Harkin, Mr. Garcia-

Gregory was introduced by Resident Commissioner Carlos Romero-Barcelo, Ms. Martin was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Cleland and Representative Chambliss, and Ms. Swain was introduced by Senator Schumer.

### GENE THERAPY SAFETY

*C ttee e th c t e*  
Subcommittee on Public Health held hearings to examine safety of patients who participate in experimental gene therapy research and clinical trials, recent revelations regarding lapses in patient safety and compliance with federal regulations, and the need to strengthen our current federal oversight system, receiving testimony from William F. Raub, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Science Policy; Savio L. C. Woo, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Institute of Gene Therapy and Molecular Medicine, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Society of Gene Therapy; Pamela L. Zeitlin, Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric General Clinical Research Center, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Lisa Raines, Genzyme Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Thomas H. Murray, Hastings Center, Garrison, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 36 public bills, H.R. 4540–4575; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 336–343, were introduced. **Pages H3867–68**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4402, to amend the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 to improve the use of amounts deposited into the H-1B Nonimmigrant Petitioner Account for demonstration programs and projects to provide technical skills training for occupations for which there is a high demand for skilled workers, amended (H. Rept. 106–642); and

H.R. 1882, to amend provisions of law enacted by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 to ensure full analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules proposed by certain agencies (H. Rept. 106–643, Pt. 1). **Pages H3866–67**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Alphas Townsend of Bronx, New York. **Page H3815**

**Agricultural Risk Protection Act Conference Report:** The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2559, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers by providing greater access to more affordable risk management tools and improved protection from production and income loss, to improve the efficiency and integrity of the Federal crop insurance program. **Pages H3817–28**

Agreed to H. Res. 512, the rule that waived points of order against the conference report.

**Pages H3816–17**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:46 a.m. and reconvened at 11:57 p.m. **Page H3830**

**Ban on Partial Birth Abortions:** Pursuant to H. Res. 457, the House passed S. 1692, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting the provisions of H.R. 3660, to amend title 18, United States

Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, as passed the House. The House then insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Canady, Goodlatte, Conyers, and Watt of North Carolina. **Pages H3829–30**

Earlier agreed to the Conyers motion to instruct conferees to meet promptly with the Senate on all issues committed to conference. **Page H3829**

**Commending Israel for Its Withdrawal From Southern Lebanon:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 331, commending Israel's redeployment from southern Lebanon by a yea and nay vote of 403 yeas to 3 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 231. **Pages H3840–41**

**Late Reports Committee on Appropriations:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight on June 1 to file privileged reports on measures making FY 2001 appropriations for the Department of Defense; Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies; and Department of Interior and related agencies. **Page H3841**

**Repeal of Spanish-American War Telephone Excise Tax:** The House passed H.R. 3916, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communication services by a recorded vote of 420 yeas to 2 noes, Roll No. 233. **Pages H3842–54**

Rejected the Doggett motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that imposes additional reporting requirements on section 527 organizations in order to obtain the telephone excise tax relief by a yea and nay vote of 208 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 232. **Pages H3851–53**

House agreed to H. Res. 511, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 404 yeas to 15 noes, Roll No. 230. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea and nay vote of 221 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 229. **Pages H3830–40**

**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

*National Emergency Re Yugoslavia and Kosovo:* Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his 6 month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–248); and **Page H3855**

*Federal Register Notice Re Yugoslavia, Bosnia, and Kosovo National Emergency:* Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Fed-

eral Register Notice on the national emergency declared with respect to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Bosnian Serb Forces, and Kosovo—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–249). **Pages H3855–56**

**Memorial Day District Work Period:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 336, providing for an adjournment of both Houses of Congress. Pursuant to the concurrent resolution the House will stand adjourned for the Memorial Day District Work Period until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2000 for morning-hour debate. **Page H3828**

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein Representative Wolf was designated to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through June 6. **Page H3854**

**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, June 6, 2000, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. **Page H3854**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule on Wednesday, June 7, 2000. **Page H3854**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3865.

**Referrals:** S. 484 was referred to the Committees on the Judiciary and International Relations. S. Con. Res. 110 was referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H3865**

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3869–70.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3839–40, H3840, H3840–41, H3853, and H3853–54. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:14 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 336, until Tuesday, June 6.

## Committee Meetings

### DEFENSE AND INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee* Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2001: Defense and Interior.